

REMARKS

Claims 12-18 and 20 are pending and at issue in the application with claims 12 and 13 being independent claims. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended. Claim 21 has been cancelled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendments above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-18 and 20 are rejected as unpatentable over Moreno (U.S. Patent No. 6,882,269) in view of Gokcebay et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,791,450) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).¹ The official action objected to claim 21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The applicants greatly appreciate and thank the examiner for the indication of allowability of claim 21, and respectfully submit that the above amendments place claims 12-18 and 20 in condition for allowance.

As acknowledged in the action, none of the cited references disclose or suggest a user group comprising a group of registered users having the same access profile to the parcel compartment system, where the system control allows the registered users of the user group to have access to the selection of the several functions of the electronic parcel compartment system, as reflected in allowable claim 21. Independent claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 21. Accordingly, the allowability of claim 21, as indicated in the action, causes claim 13, and all claims depending therefrom, to be in allowable form.

Further, independent claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 21. Specifically, independent claim 12 now recites: "... wherein the user group comprises a group of registered users having the same access profile to the parcel compartment system" and "enabling the registered user of the user group to have access to a selection of several functions of the electronic parcel compartment system."

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and allowance thereof are respectfully requested. Two (2) independent claims remain in the application as previously paid for, and eight (8) total claims remain in the application as previously paid for. This response is being timely filed with a one-month extension of

¹ The applicants again note that while the action cites "US# 5,212,644" on page 6, the action refers to the reference as "Gokcebay et al." U.S. Patent No. 5,212,644 was issued under the name of "Frisch" which was cited in a previous action dated June 26, 2006. To the best of the applicants' understanding, the official action meant to refer to Gokcebay et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,791,450).

time and fee. The applicants believe no additional fee is due. However, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form, in an effort to advance this application towards allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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